

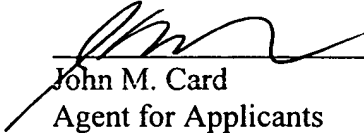
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each and every element of Applicant's invention as recited in claims 1 and 18.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims meets the criteria of the PCT and that a favorable International Preliminary Report on Patentability is now warranted with respect to all of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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